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Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem Governance Structure for the

National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology announces the release

of a paper entitled Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem Governance

Structure on Tuesday, February 7, 2012. This paper supports the implementation of the

National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace and responds to comments

received in response to the related Notice of Inquiry published in the Federal Register on

June 14, 2011.

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DATES: The Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem Governance Structure paper was made available on February 7, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem

Governance Structure paper is available at www.nist.gov/nstic/2012-nstic-governance-recs.pdf. The NIST website for the NSTIC and its implementation is www.nstic.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The paper entitled Recommendations for Establishing an Identity Ecosystem Governance Structure was written in support of the implementation of the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC). On June 14, 2011, NIST published a Notice of Inquiry in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 34650), requesting input from the public regarding Models for a Governance Structure for the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace. On August 16, 2011, NIST published a Notice in the *Federal Register* (76 FR 50719), extending the deadline for comments. The paper summarizes the comments received in response to the NOI and provides recommendations and intended government actions to serve as a catalyst for

establishing such a governance structure. The recommendations result from comments

and suggestions received from the NOI respondents as well as best practices and lessons

learned from similarly scoped governance efforts. To accelerate the launch of the

Steering Group, the paper integrates the recommendations into a proposed Steering

Group charter.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology

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